



**FUMC Georgetown
Foundation**

Building a Legacy of God's Love

THE PRESENT 1894
WAS BUILT IN 1894
LIMESTONE, HAND-CUT BY
PHYSICS PROFESSOR ROBERT
WAS THE SUPERVISING ARCHITECT
THE FLOOR PLAN IS MODELED AFTER
THE GREEK CROSS. BISHOPS A. FRANK
SMITH (1889-1952) AND W. ANGIE SMITH (1894-
1974), BROTHERS, MADE DECISIONS TO
ENTER THE MINISTRY IN THIS CHURCH.
RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK - 1974

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH
1892

*From the past will come the future
What it holds, a mystery
Unrevealed until its season
Something God alone can see.*

Hymn of Promise — © Natalie Sleeth, 1986

Purpose

The purpose of FUMC of Georgetown Foundation is to endow and assure a lasting trust that supports the mission, ministries, and facilities of the church. The Foundation encourages, establishes, and maintains permanent funds received from gifts and memorials as well as from planned giving through estate plans, trusts, and bequests.

History

The FUMC Foundation is a separate nonprofit corporation chartered in 1988 by a small group of FUMC Georgetown members who felt after the completion of the Atkin Building that our church needed to begin an endowment to support and maintain our expanding facilities. The original charter was focused on spending only on facilities. In 2006 the focus of the Foundation was substantially expanded to include mission, ministries, and outreach. Several awareness efforts over the years have been made to grow the funds held in the Foundation to support the mission of the church.

The Foundation is managed by a Board of Directors that is selected through our local church nominations process, and the funds are invested to provide a permanent endowment and a living memorial. Several designated funds in the Foundation support specific programs and ministries.

Memorial gifts can act as lasting tributes to friends and loved ones and are placed in the ministry fund unless otherwise specified by donor or family.

*Planning our future
with hope and
ensuring the endurance
of ministries of love
and service that
shape our church today.*



Gifts in Action

Current Foundation Funds

■ Facility Endowment Fund

This fund was established as a part of the initial charter, and its purpose is to support existing facility needs as well as future needs of our church campus. Annual earnings are reinvested in the fund until a funding need is identified.

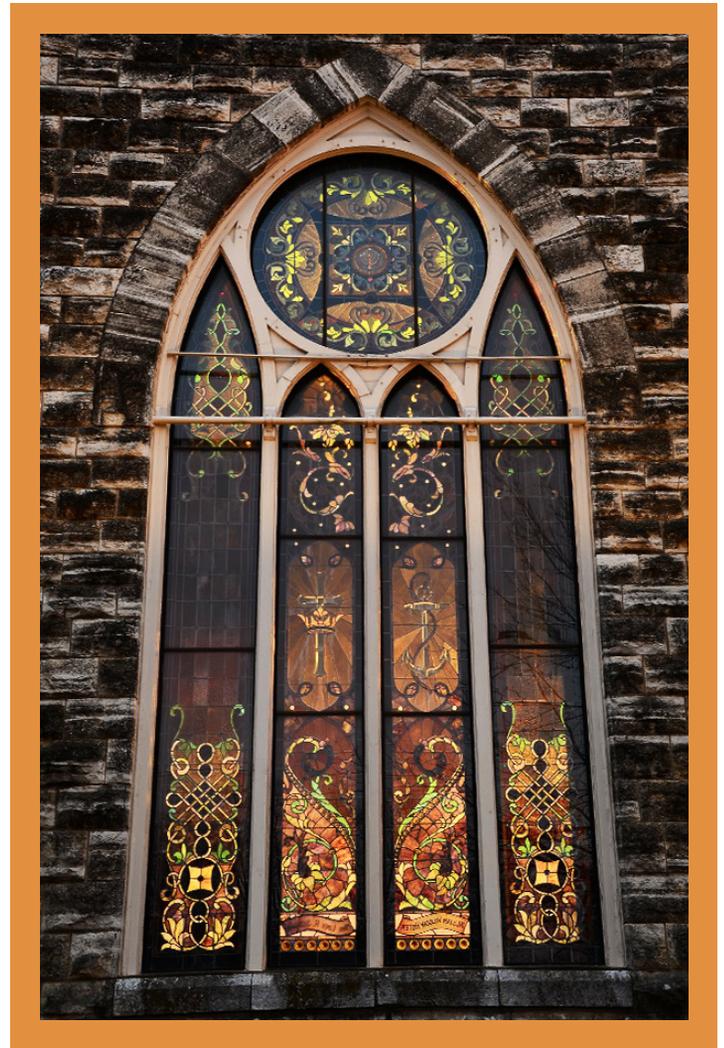
Impact: A number of years ago, there was major deterioration of our historic stained-glass windows.

A multi-year drive was begun to raise significant funds for the restoration. Funds from the Facility Endowment helped to complete that restoration.

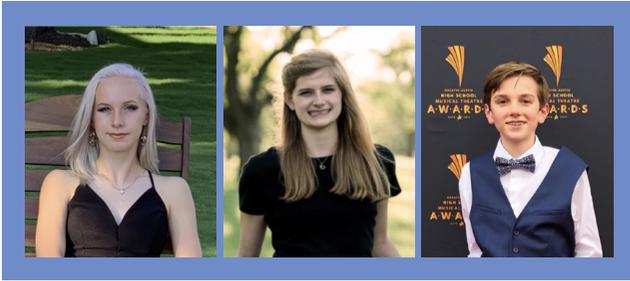
■ Ministry Endowment Fund

This fund began as an effort to create, over time, a fund outside of the annual budget to support new and expanding ministries. In 2006, this fund was moved from the FUMC operating budget to the Foundation as an endowment fund. The fund balance was strengthened significantly through the sale of a home donated by Jeannine Fairburn. Distributions from this fund can be used to support and enhance church ministries, including those in the areas of our church focus on families, adults, and seniors, as well as missions.

Impact: As this fund value grows, the earnings will create opportunities to expand and enhance the ministries of our church to live out God's love in ways we can now only imagine!



Designated Funds



■ Bill Jones Scholarship Fund

This fund was established in 2006 in memory of Bill Jones, a longtime Southwestern University professor and beloved teacher of the Contemporary Forum Sunday School class for 30 years. Bill Jones' challenge to class members, as well as scholarship recipients, was "to do no harm, to do good, and walk humbly with God, our Creator." Graduating high school seniors who are FUMC members and active in church or student ministry are eligible to apply.

Impact: Since 2006, over 40 scholarships of \$500 - \$1000 have been awarded.

■ Learning Tree Scholarship Fund honoring Eric McKinney

This fund was established in 2008 by generous donors to honor former pastor, Eric McKinney, and to encourage additional gifts. The purpose of the fund is to assist with tuition costs for children in need so that they may participate in enriching early childhood experiences through attending The Learning Tree Preschool at FUMC.

Impact:

During the 2019-2020 school year, more than \$1900 was used for scholarship support.

Opportunities are available each school year to support additional children.

• The Learning Tree •



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■ Music Endowment Fund

Established in 2019 by a generous gift from an anonymous donor, this fund supports building and strengthening relationships through shared experiences in music and the arts. Funds underwrite resources to enhance and develop opportunities for sharing music and the arts within our church and across the Georgetown community.

Impact: Supports guest musicians for special seasons, vocal and technology internships, and scholarships for local high school and Southwestern University students to be involved in worship.



■ Student Ministries Fund

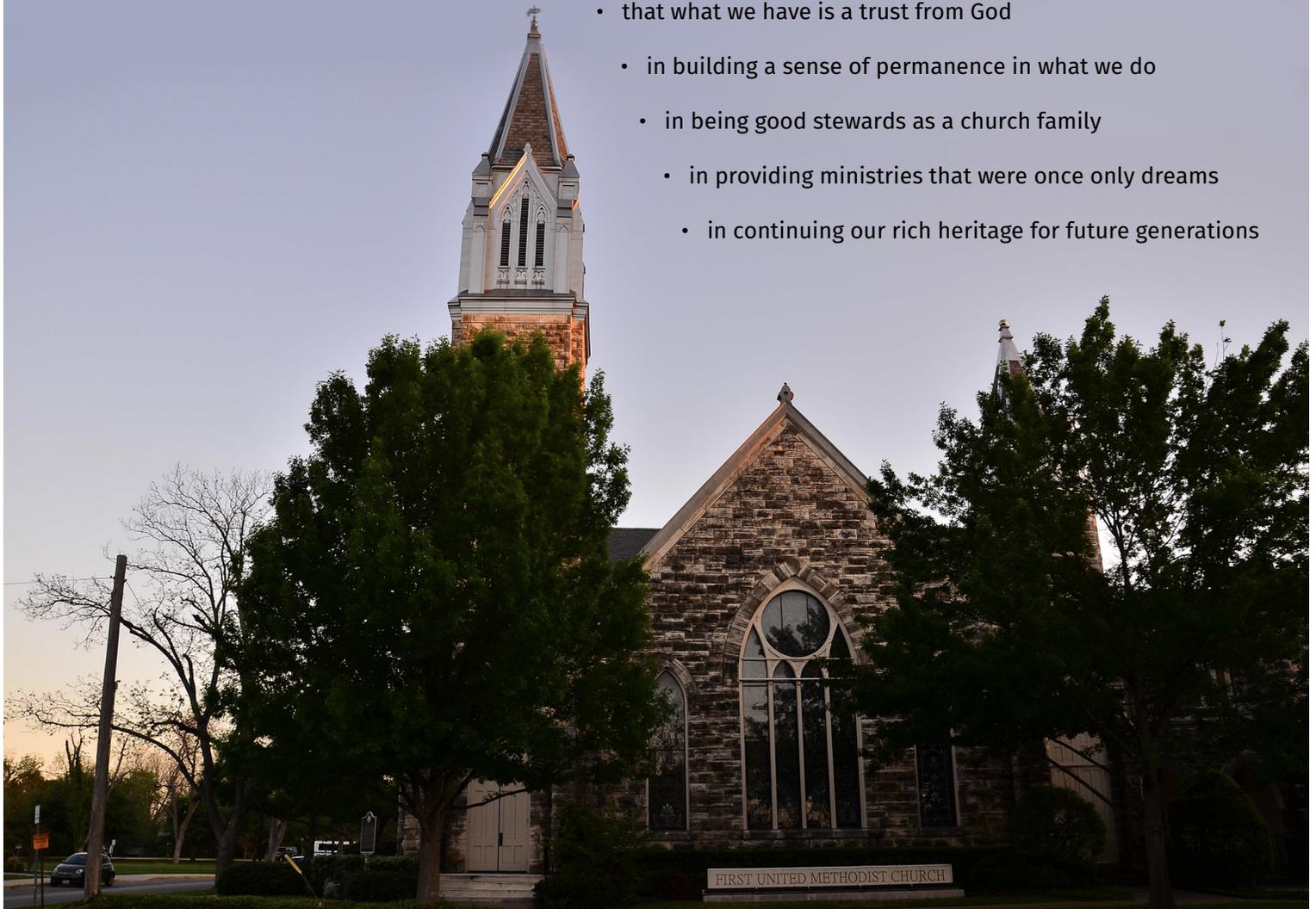
In 2021, generous donors provided seed money to establish a new fund to support student ministries. This fund is intended to support additional opportunities for young people to participate in mission trips, camps, intergenerational projects, as well as other ministries that contribute to their spiritual growth.

Impact: FUMC students will feel valued and loved as they engage in myriad ways of receiving and sharing God's love everywhere they go.



Through our gifts to the Foundation, we bear witness to our belief:

- in the future of our church
- that what we have is a trust from God
- in building a sense of permanence in what we do
- in being good stewards as a church family
- in providing ministries that were once only dreams
- in continuing our rich heritage for future generations



We welcome the opportunity to share information about a current or future gift to the Foundation.

A member of the Foundation board or one of our pastors will be pleased to meet with you to discuss the options for giving and how your gift to the Foundation can impact our church. Please contact the church office at 512-863-2370 to schedule a meeting.

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